To BF and JL from BW, re disclosed foreign operations 5/8/83

The records cited below also relate to Oswald in Mexico, details of the FBI and CIA investigations in Mexico
Unnecessary and improper classification
Possible disposition of missing CIA tape of Oswald's phone conversation(s) in Mexico City

Both the CIA and FBI claim the need to protect their foreign operations by withholding official proof that they do operate in specific foreign locations. The records cited below are among those pertaining to these subjects disclosed by the FBI in disclosing what it had already disclosed, the FBIHQ versions of part of the Mexico City Oswald file, which itself remains withheld. The FBIHQ copies were disclosed earlier, without the addition of the Mexico City file numbers, in 12/77 and 1/78.

The official claim is that disclosing operations in specific countries would impair relations and future usefulness. These records are among those establishing that this and similar claims are without basis and are made for other and improper purposes. No known consequences of any kind followed these disclosures, as they did not with other similar disclosures involving Canada, England, France, Germany, Portugal, Italy and Uruguay, if not also others.

The FBI's pretense is that its "Legal Attaches" are merely contact people. That the FBI investigates in Mexico, regardless of sovereignty (and El Salvador and other places) is disclosed, together with the names of agents, which the FBI also claims the need to withhold. In one record, 105-82555-3596, it is disclosed that in a 10-day period 11 named FBI agents contacted 68 symbol informants. This and other records refer to FBI investigations, using that word.

There is specific reference to the CIA stations, using those words.

There is confirmation that the CIA's photos given to the Legat the day of the assassination went to and remained in Dallas (where the tape also went and was transcribed, the transcription and a FBI teletype report were sent to FBIHQ 11/23/63). That the pictures were in the Dallas files may reflect that Dallas also has the tape and is silent about it. Other CIA station materials said to have been sent to Langley.

Citations include 105-82555-3536,3596(two different records), 35(9)49, which is also MC 105-3702-311,4115,5673A, 5680, 5687, which is also MC 105-3702-1376, 5678, which has two records, and 5679. That Dallas in 1972 had the photos Rudd took there in 1963 is in the second 5678, 6/2/72, FBIHQ to Legat. (I do not attach copies because my copier is not working. These will be in my Oswald-Mexico subject file.)

Based on other of these records I will have another memo reflecting unnecessary and improper classification, on which I've a relatively new subject file.

In MC 105-3702 file the above-cited records are 770,802, 805, 811, 11470, 1379,1375,1376, 1378,1380 and 1381 because BF does not have entire 105-82555.